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Statement from Governor Jan Brewer
Memorial Day

"On Monday, Arizonans and Americans will unite in remembrance and reverence of the noble men and women who have served our country, generation after generation, to secure our independence, preserve our values and defend our security.

"Memorial Day is a special and solemn reminder that, as President Reagan once articulated, 'Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.' Let us reflect on these powerful words as we pay gratitude to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coastguardsmen who have fought – and continue to fight – to protect our uniquely American liberties.

"Our nation is eternally blessed to have men and women who answer the call of duty selflessly and without expectation of recognition or praise. Day after day, they wear the uniform because they are genuinely committed to something greater than themselves. Their willingness to lay down their lives is a stark but important reminder of why the United States is a truly exceptional nation.

"In commemoration of Memorial Day – and in honor of the heroes who have served and sacrificed for our country throughout history – I have ordered that all state flags be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until noon on Monday, May 26, 2014."

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